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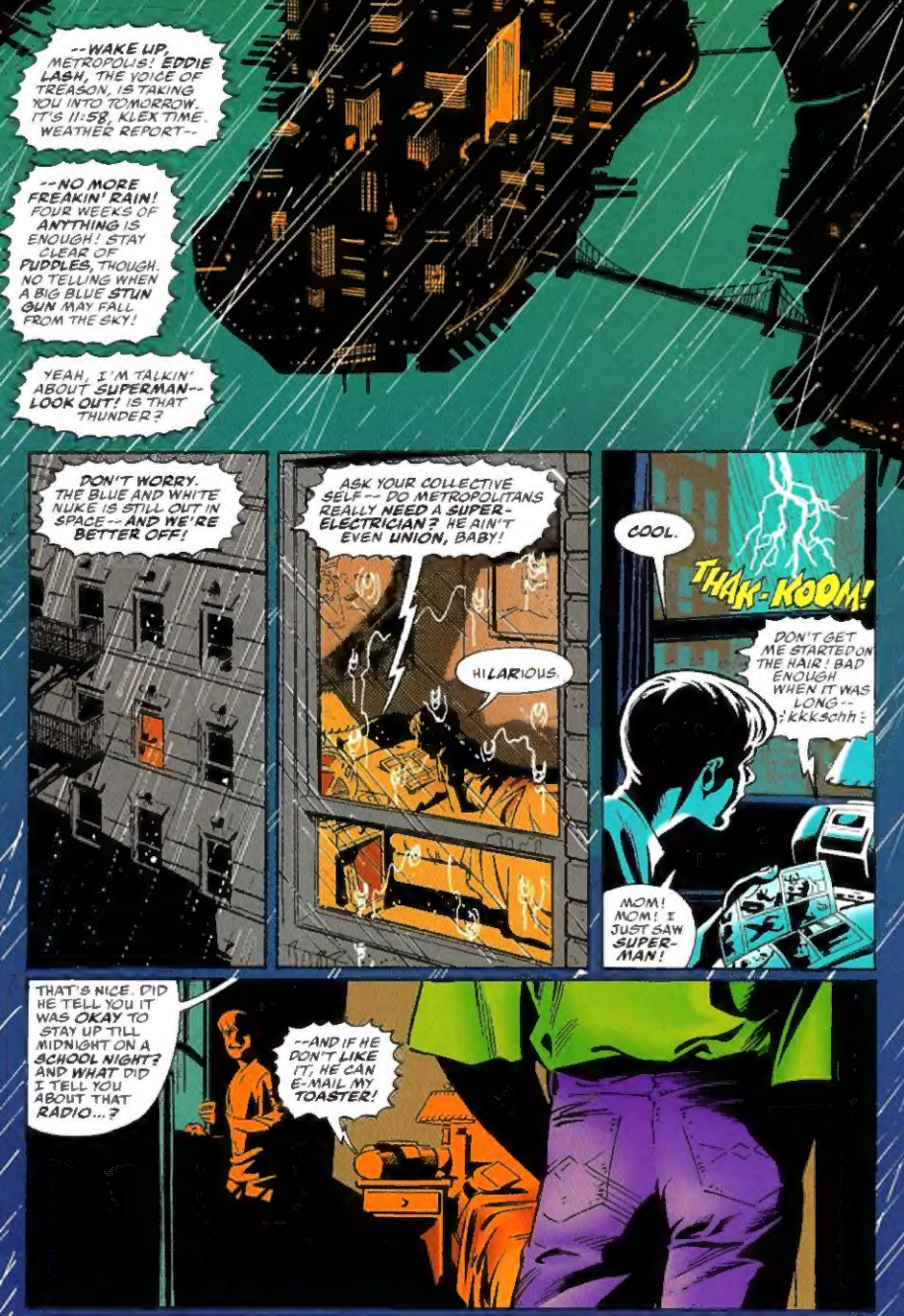
--WAKE UP, METROPOLIS! EDDIE LASH, THE VOICE OF TREASON, IS TAKING YOU INTO TOMORROW. IT'S 11:58, KLEX TIME WEATHER REPORT--
--NO MORE FREAKIN' RAIN! FOUR WEEKS OF ANYTHING IS ENOUGH! STAY CLEAR OF PUDDLES, THOUGH. NO TELLING WHEN A BIG BLUE STUN GUN MAY FALL FROM THE SKY!
YEAH, I'M TALKIN' ABOUT SUPERMAN-- LOOK OUT! IS THAT THUNDER?
DON'T WORRY. THE BLUE AND WHITE NUKE IS STILL OUT IN SPACE-- AND WE'RE BETTER OFF!
ASK YOUR COLLECTIVE SELF -- DO METROPOLITANS REALLY NEED A SUPER-ELECTRICIAN? HE AIN'T EVEN UNION, BABY!
HILARIOUS.
COOL.
THAK-KOOM!
DON'T GET ME STARTED ON THE HAIR! BAD ENOUGH WHEN IT WAS LONG-- ;kkkschh;
MOM! MOM! I JUST SAW SUPERMAN!
THAT'S NICE. DID HE TELL YOU IT WAS OKAY TO STAY UP TILL MIDNIGHT ON A SCHOOL NIGHT? AND WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT THAT RADIO...?
--AND IF HE DON'T LIKE IT, HE CAN E-MAIL MY TOASTER!

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STRAIGHT ON TILL MORNING

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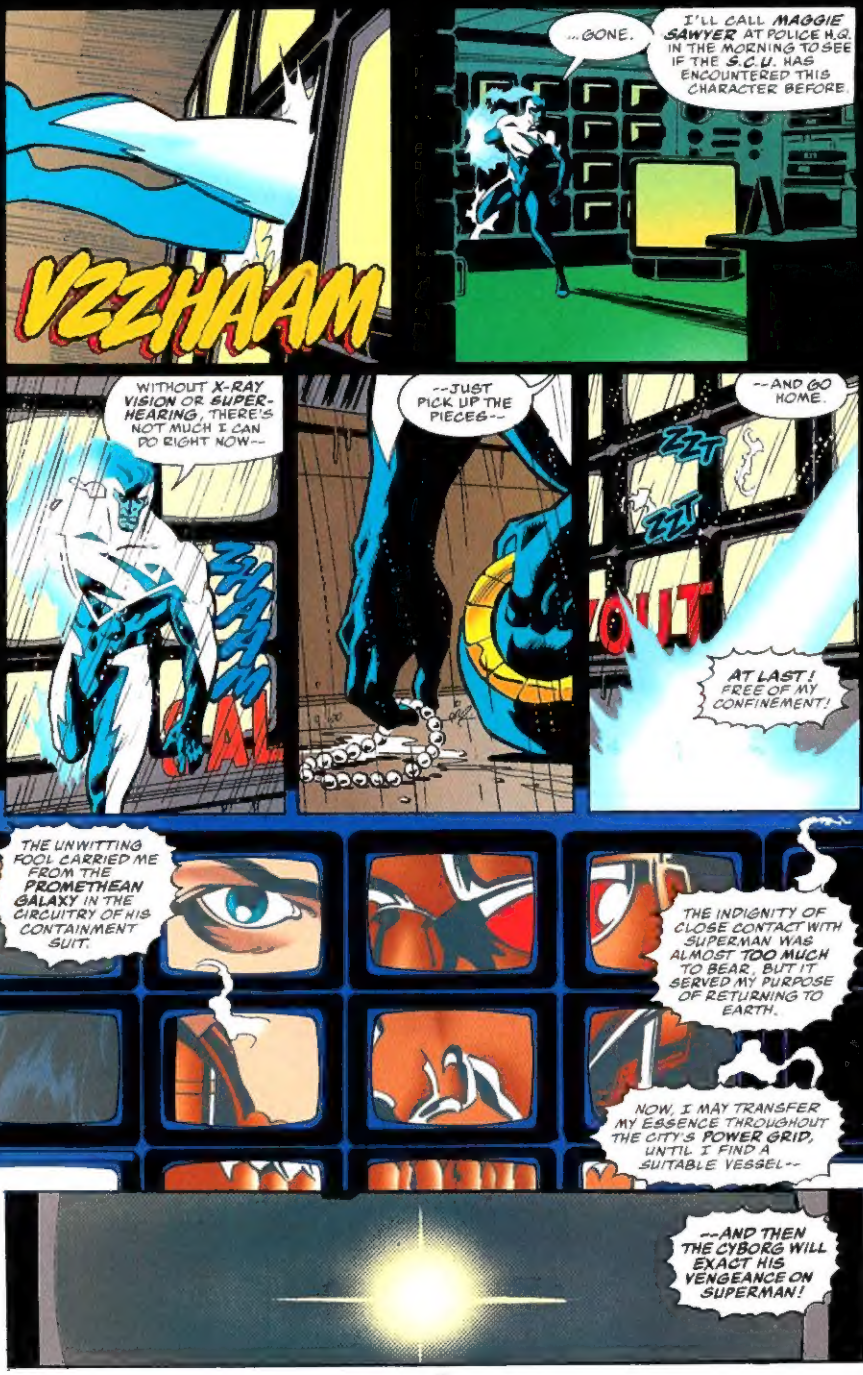
WELL, I MADE IT.
HOME.
STRANGE. EVEN AFTER THE SILENCE OF SPACE, THE CITY SEEMS SO STILL.
IT'S ALMOST FUNNY. EARTH'S GREATEST HEROES BAND TOGETHER AT THE EDGE OF THE COSMOS TO RESTORE UNIVERSAL ORDER AS WE KNOW IT...*
...AND HALF OF HUMANITY SLEEPS THROUGH IT.
STRANGER STILL THAT THE CYBORG--A BEING WITH NO REGARD FOR ANY LIFE--SHOULD CONSIDER ME UNWORTHY TO PROTECT THEM.
HE'S LOST OUT BY THE PROMETHEAN WALL NOW,** AND I HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS--
--NAMELY, ONE LOIS LANE.
*GENESIS #'S 1-4.
**ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #551.
SUPERMAN MAY WAX POETIC ATOP THE CITY SPIRES, BUT CLARK KENT STILL NEEDS TO GET HOME TO HEARTH AND WIFE.
THRAK-KOOM!
EARTH DIDN'T STOP REVOLVING WHILE THE GODS STRUGGLED FOR ULTIMATE POWER.
THE GODWAVE HAS PASSED, BUT HUNDREDS OF NEW METAHUMANS MAY HAVE BEEN "TRIGGERED" IN THAT CRISIS.
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THE FUTURE MAY--
--GOOD LORD!

THAT TRUCK-- CAN'T STOP ON THE SLICK STREET!
HARRNK! HARRNK!
LOOK OUT! YUH CRAZY--?!
Digby & Son
JEWELERS
RUNNER'S DISAPPEARED-- BUT WHERE?
THE TRUCK'S STILL A DANGER. I CAN AVERT A PANIC SITUATION.
WHIP UP AN INSTANT NEUTRAL E.M. FIELD...
... AND HOPE I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO ...UHH... MAINTAIN ITS INTEGRITY!
KRUMP!
CHUNN!
NOT EXACTLY BARYSHNIKOV, BUT EVERY-ONE'S SAFE, EXCEPT FOR--
HA HA HA HA!

SUPERMAN'S WET, SUPERMAN'S BLUE, INKLING'S NOT DEAD, HE SIMPLY PASSED THROUGH!
ALIVE...?
BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN YOU, AND I'M RICHER, TOO!
I... I SEE...
...AND JUDGING BY THE BROKEN WINDOW BEHIND YOU, I'D GUESS THOSE TRINKETS DON'T BELONG TO YOU...
A TISKET, A TASKET, YOU HAVE BUT TO ASK IT!
I'LL TELL YOU FROM MY CASKET!
STOP!
IT'S SO MUCH EASIER WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND THE BAD GUYS...
A SOLID ENERGY WALL SHOULD--
--NOT WORK?
ZZHHAM!

REMARKABLE! PERHAPS THIS... INKLING HASN'T HEARD THAT MY BIO-MAGNETIC FIELD SHOULD BE IMPENETRABLE!
WELL, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A FELON...
...ASSUMING HE LIVES!
HONNK HONNK
IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING, SUPERMAN IS BORING!
THRAK-KOOM!
ALMOST GOT HIM...
...IF I CAN ONLY REACH...
COMPUTERS ARE STORING!
TINK KTINK


VZZHAAM
...GONE.
I'LL CALL MAGGIE SAWYER AT POLICE H.Q. IN THE MORNING TO SEE IF THE S.C.U. HAS ENCOUNTERED THIS CHARACTER BEFORE.
WITHOUT X-RAY VISION OR SUPER-HEARING, THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN DO RIGHT NOW--
--JUST PICK UP THE PIECES--
--AND GO HOME.
ZZT
ZZT
AT LAST! FREE OF MY CONFINEMENT!
THE UNWITTING FOOL CARRIED ME FROM THE PROMETHEAN GALAXY IN THE CIRCUITRY OF HIS CONTAINMENT SUIT.
THE INDIGNITY OF CLOSE CONTACT WITH SUPERMAN WAS ALMOST TOO MUCH TO BEAR. BUT IT SERVED MY PURPOSE OF RETURNING TO EARTH.
NOW, I MAY TRANSFER MY ESSENCE THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S POWER GRID, UNTIL I FIND A SUITABLE VESSEL--
--AND THEN THE CYBORG WILL EXACT HIS VENGEANCE ON SUPERMAN!

NO, I'M NOT ANGRY, MR. BURGOYNE.
ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO CONFIRM GROUND TRANSPORTATION FOR LOIS LANE FROM PERTH TO, uh...
MEEKATHORA, AUSTRALIA... NO, I'M HEADED FOR AYRES ROCK... BUT THE CONSULATE SENT ME TO YOU... NO, I'M A REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET.
LOOK, IT'S VERY LATE HERE. CAN I TRY YOU AGAIN IN THE MORNING?
NO. METROPOLIS TIME... YES, THANK YOU.
WELL, THAT WAS TOTALLY USELESS. I WISH CLARK WERE BACK FROM... WHEREEVER. I'M LEAVING TOMORROW AFTERN--
T-CLIK
THE DOOR?
SECURITY ALARM'S OFF. I WASN'T EXPECTING A HOME INVASION, BUT I'M NOT UNPREPARED FOR--
--CLARK!
CAREFUL WITH THAT! DID YOU FORGET I'M NOT INVULNERABLE ANYMORE?
YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT... VULNERABILITY?
MMM... I THINK YOU FOUND MY WEAK SPOT.

WHAT'S THE IDEA, COMING THROUGH THE DOOR? HOW DO I KNOW IT'S YOU WITHOUT LIGHTNING AND THUNDER IN THE LIVING ROOM?
WELL, SINCE JIMMY NEARLY EXPOSED MY IDENTITY,* I FIGURED I OUGHT TO BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL ABOUT WHERE I COME AND GO.
I TOUCHED DOWN IN AN ALLEY NEARBY. UNFORTUNATELY, I FORGOT TO TAKE AN UMBRELLA.
*IN ADVENTURES #550.
YOU'RE FORGIVEN. ON ONE CONDITION.
DARE I ASK?
YOU TAKE A SHOWER! DON'T THEY BATHE ON NEW GENIUS?
NEW GENESIS. I SUPPOSE THEY GET WET THERE AS MUCH AS ANYWHERE.
MAN, AT LAST THE RAIN'S LET UP. I KNOW JIMMY OLSEN'S NOBODY'S FAVORITE THESE DAYS, BUT DOES MOTHER NATURE HAVE TO DUMP ON ME, TOO?
A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, I WAS TV'S "MR. ACTION"--
--NOW I'M LUCKY IF I DON'T END UP BEING "MR. TRACTION!"
I GOOFED UP THINKING I KNEW SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY, AND DOUBLE-GOOFED THINKING I COULD TELL THE WORLD.
NOW SOME ANTIQUE META-FREAKS WANT TO KILL ME! TRUTH IS, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
THINK THEY'D BELIEVE IT IF I SAW 'EM ON THE--
--STREET?

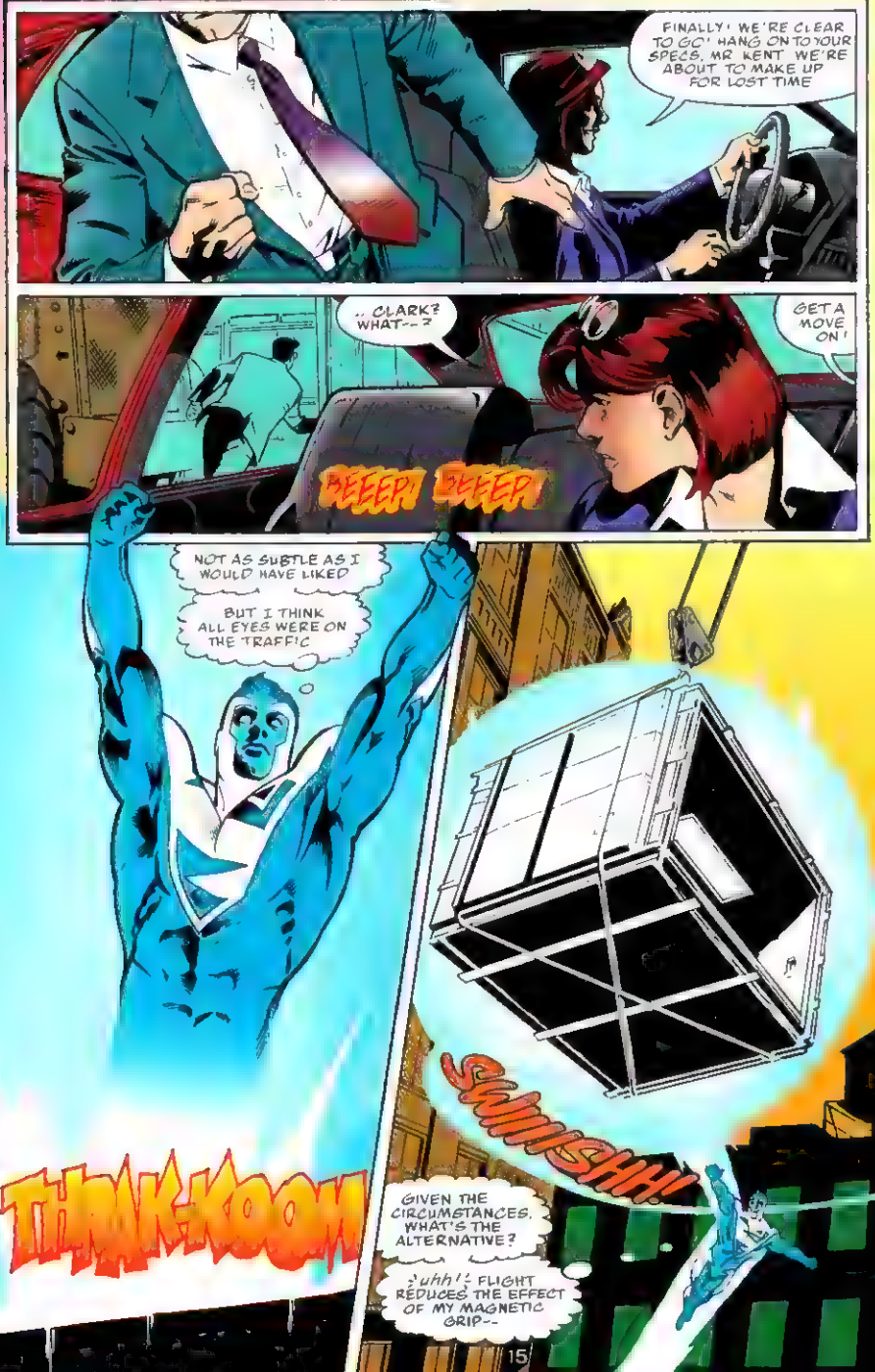
YOW!
BRAKKA!
BRAK!
BRAKKA!
CAN T GET A BEAD ON TH KID!
BOSS MOXIE WANTS HIM ALIVE, REMEMBER? NOOSE, LET MR. GUNN TAKE THE WHEEL YOU GRAB OLSEN
SOMETIMES TORCHER, I--
HOLY--!
VRRUUN
FIX2BIKS
G-GET AWAY!
NOOSE! DON'T KILL HIM!
AAK--!

BRAKE GOTTA
GAHH--!
SKREEEE
HE'S BEHIND US! NOOSE, YOU LET HIM GO!
MIKE! LOOK OUT!
KRUNCH
WHOA! WHAT'RE THE ODDS? MAYBE THE OLD OLSEN LUCK IS BACK--
- BUT I'M NOT GONNA STICK AROUND TO FIND OUT!
VARUUN

COME ON, CLARK I'VE GOT A MEETING WITH PERRY AT TEN IT'S NEARLY THAT NOW. CROSSTOWN'S GOING TO BE MURDER
THIS ABOUT YOUR TRIP?
EXIT
YES YOU KNOW YOU'RE LUCKY YOU CAME BACK BEFORE I LEFT I'M RUNNING OUT OF EXCUSES FOR YOU AT THE PLANET
YOU'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT I DO TO PROTECT YOUR JOB
I DO KNOW, AND I APPRECIATE IT IN FACT I DON'T KNOW HOW I MANAGED BEFORE
TURNING NEWS STORIES AROUND AT SUPER-SPEED IS ONE THING BUT MY CONSTANT ABSENCES
KNOCK IT OFF, CLARK. YOUR JOB'S SAFE NOW THAT YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND'S IN CHARGE OF CIRCULATION
I'M THE ONE BEING SENT TO AUSTRALIA ON SOME TRUMPED-UP TALE OF A DYING ABORIGINAL TRIBE PREDICTING THE END OF THE WORLD
SIMONE DENEIGE MAY CALL IT JOURNALISM, BUT IT'S NOT NEWS
VROOOOM!
AUTO ACCIDENTS USUALLY MAKE HEADLINES
...AND SIMONE'S NOT EXACTLY AN EX-GIRLFRIEND.

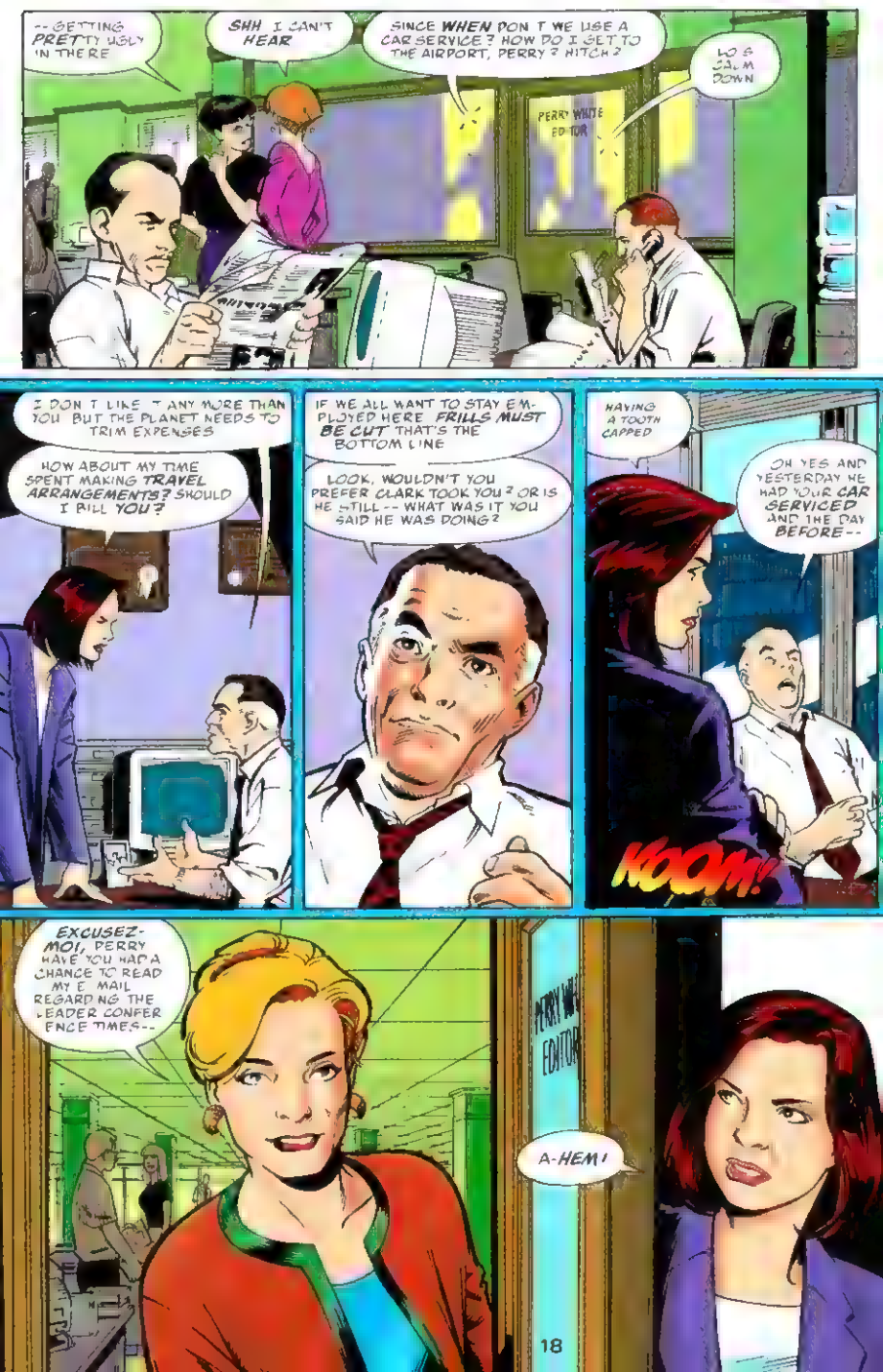
I'D RATHER NOT KNOW THE DETAILS, THANK YOU
CALL HER WHAT YOU WANT TO ME, SHE'S A--
SKREEEEECHHH!
--TRAFFIC TIE-UP.
AT LEAST YOU'VE GOT A REAL EXCUSE FOR BEING AWAY FROM THE OFFICE
TELL ME YOU MISSED ALL THIS, CLARK
HONK! HONK!
THERE WERE OTHER THINGS I MISSED
HA! LISTEN TO US! TALKING LIKE YOU DROVE TO THE COUNTRY! YOU WERE IN SPACE!
YES
DON'T YOU EVER GET SCARED? EVER THINK... MAYBE YOU WON'T GET BACK THIS TIME?
EVERY TIME

STEADY, 'BERTO. THERE'S A CREW ON FIFTEEN GONNA TAKE THAT MODULE
KEEP TALKIN', GABE Y'KNOW I CAN'T SEE A THING UP HERE.
LEVEL OFF.
OKAY ANOTHER PREFAB OFFICE INSTALLED IN TWO SHAKES
LIKE THIS CITY NEEDS ONE MORE, RIGHT, BOYS?
EASY!
GOTTA PUT THE SUITS SOMEWHERE
BUT WE GET THE FRESH AIR, EH, DUNC?
FRESH AIR, MY EYE! THIS'S METROPO--
OH, BLESS ME, MOTHER!
OLD MOTHER GOOSE WHEN SHE WANTED TO WANDER WOULD RIDE THROUGH THE AIR ON A VERY FINE GANDER!
NO TIME TO PONDER, I'M OFF TO MEANDER!
WHAT TH--?
LOOK OUT!
DID YOU SEE IT?
OH MY GOD!
SOMETHIN'S WRONG BETTER SWING 'ER OUT FAST
--CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T FIGURE IT OUT! ALL THAT "SUPERMAN TOLD ME" JAZZ
uh-huh.


FINALLY! WE'RE CLEAR TO GO! HANG ON TO YOUR SPECS, MR KENT! WE'RE ABOUT TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME
.. CLARK? WHAT--?
GET A MOVE ON!
BEEEP! BEEEP!
NOT AS SUBTLE AS I WOULD HAVE LIKED
BUT I THINK ALL EYES WERE ON THE TRAFFIC
SWISHH!
THRAK-KOOM
GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?
¡uhh!¿ FLIGHT REDUCES THE EFFECT OF MY MAGNETIC GRIP--

"--BUT IT'S ENOUGH TO AVOID DISASTER."
CONTROLS FIGHTIN' BACK!
TRY N TA REIN 'ER IN, BUT.
WON'T RESPOND!
SPANNG!
NO! THE CABLE!
NO WAY TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT WHILE FLYING! GOT TO--
--GET ON SOLID GROUND!
YOU WORKERS CLEAR THE AREA!
SUPERMAN? WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?
TIRAK-
KOOM!
I'LL DO MY BEST.
VVR'
RAAUUU!

WHUNNT!
TZAT!
TZAT!
WHUMM!
: mmf : NOT AS MUCH METAL IN THERE AS I THOUGHT.
SUPERMAN! THAT WAS AMAZING, MAN! GOOD THING YOU WERE AROUND!
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DID THE CRANE SWING OUT LIKE THAT?
TROUBLE ON THE FIFTEENTH!
THEY SAID SOME BONE-UGLY GUY CAME OUTTA NOWHERE AND RAN THROUGH THE SITE. I MEAN REALLY RAN THROUGH!
DID YOU SAY--?


--GETTING PRETTY UGLY IN THERE
SHH I CAN'T HEAR
SINCE WHEN DON'T WE USE A CAR SERVICE? HOW DO I GET TO THE AIRPORT, PERRY? HITCH?
LOIS CALM DOWN
PERRY WHITE EDITOR
I DON'T LIKE IT ANY MORE THAN YOU BUT THE PLANET NEEDS TO TRIM EXPENSES
HOW ABOUT MY TIME SPENT MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS? SHOULD I BILL YOU?
IF WE ALL WANT TO STAY EMPLOYED HERE FRILLS MUST BE CUT THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE
LOOK, WOULDN'T YOU PREFER CLARK TOOK YOU? OR IS HE STILL -- WHAT WAS IT YOU SAID HE WAS DOING?
HAVING A TOOTH CAPPED
OH YES AND YESTERDAY HE HAD YOUR CAR SERVICED AND THE DAY BEFORE--
KOOM!
EXCUSEZ-MOI, PERRY HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO READ MY E MAIL REGARDING THE LEADER CONFERENCE TIMES--
PERRY WHITE EDITOR
A-HEM!

OH, MÉNAGÈRE, I DIDN'T SEE YOU. AREN'T YOU GONE YET?
SORRY, SIMONE, PERRY. SEEN LOIS AROUND? I'M SUPPOSED TO--
A-HEM!
MUST BE THE NOVOCAINE, LOIS.
HMM?
COME ON, SPORT. YOU'RE MY CHAUFFEUR TO THE AIRPORT.
YOU AND I'VE BEEN AT THIS A LONG TIME, SIMONE. YOU KNOW A NEWSPAPER HITS ROUGH PATCHES LIKE ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
THE PLANET'S A SOLID ENTERPRISE. BUT THIS MUST SEEM LIKE THE BEGINNING OF THE END TO THESE KIDS.
IT GRATES ME TELLING MY STAFF WE CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING WE USED TO, BUT WHAT CAN I DO?
I WON'T HAVE ANY LAY-OFFS. THESE PEOPLE ARE LIKE FAMILY. TO ME, TO EACH OTHER. BUT MY GUT STILL TELLS ME--
--IT MIGHT GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER.

PLEASEPLEASEPLEASE, LETMEGETOUTOFTHIS!
VRROUNN!
PTAK
PTAK
PTAK
DAMN HAND'S HEATIN' UP! MAYBE GOT ONE MORE SHOT IN ME!
KID'S DRIVING CRAZY, LIKE HE'S--
BRAKKETA-BRAK!
OH, NO!
CHUK, CHUK
SPUTTA
EVEN IF I LIVE, BIBBO'S GONNA KILL ME FOR DITCHING HIS BIKE!
IT'S EITHER THAT OR INSTANT ROAD PIZZA!
WHAT'S HE DOING? ROUGH-HOUSE! NOOSE! GET AFTER HIM!

KRAK
YIPE!
DON'T LET HIM REACH THE TOP, YOU MUGS!
PUM
PUM
;HUFF; I CAN LOSE 'EM IN THE FOREST--
--WHOOP! KEEP YOUR HEAD, OLSEN!
THOSE CREEPY FINGERS ALMOST RIPPED IT OFF ONCE.
STOP RIGHT THERE.

I THINK YOU CITY FOLK HAVE GONE FAR ENOUGH.
SO HAVE WE, FOR THIS ISH... BUT NEXT WEEK IN MAN OF STEEL #73: WE GO TOO FAR INTO... THE WILD AREA!